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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: SECSTATE VISIT

1. I AM INFORMED BY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY THAT AMBASSADOR ALIREZA WILL BE HERE WITHIN DAY OR TWO TO "PREPARE" CROWN PRINCE FAHD FOR HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY. I EXPECT TO BE SEEING FAHD ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ME TO KNOW, OR SAY, PLEASE INFORM ME. OTHERWISE, I WILL SIMPLY PROBE FAHD'S ATTITUDE AND INTENTIONS FOR REPORTING PURPOSES. IT MAY BE THAT THE SAUDIS ARE CONTEMPLATING SURPRISE FOR SECRETARY OF BENEFICIAL NATURE, BUT SURPRISES OF ANY NATURE ARE NOT HELPFUL IN THIS BUSINESS.

2. I HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERING INDICATIONS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS FALLEN FROM FAVOR. LEAVING ASIDE GENERAL RUMORS, WE NOTE THE TEXT OF GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED IN ARABIA AND ENGLISH PRESS TO EFFECT SECRETARY COMING TO MEET WITH KING AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD WITH NO MENTION OF PRINCE SAUD. PERHAPS NOTHING TO IT, BUT SAUD HAS POSTPONED THREE MEETINGS WITH ME IN PAST WEEK AND NO CORRECTION OF GOVT ANNOUNCEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE HAS BEEN ISSUED.

3. ON OTHER HAND, IT MAY MEAN ONLY THAT FAHD, AS USUAL, WANTS TO MAINTAIN DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMERICANS RATHER THAN DEAL WITH
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